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Embarrass Heritage Homestead Tours
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VNP Kabetogama Visitor Center
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www.nps.gov/voya • 218-875-2111

VNP Ash River Visitor Center
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Ely Chamber of Commerce
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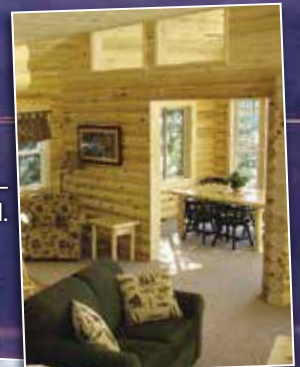
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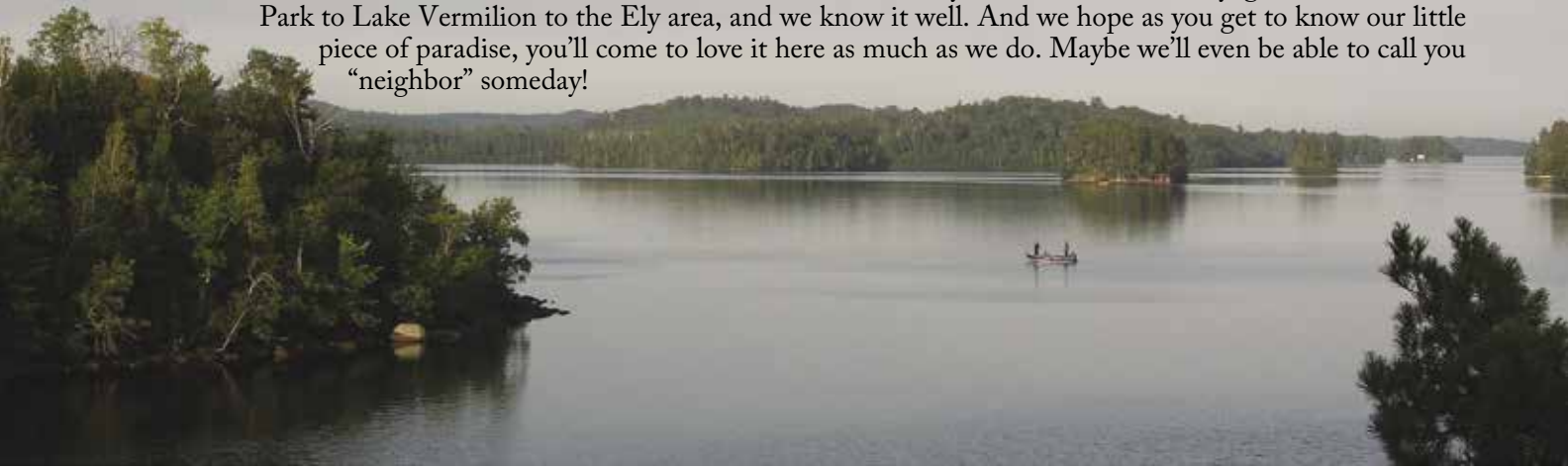
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Inside, you'll find a treasure trove of valuable information about just about everything there is to do in a Lake Country summer. We've got stories and features on area parks, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park, wildlife, fishing, area geology, nature, and the arts. You'll also find we're not trying to cover all of northern Minnesota. For us, home is the Lake Country that extends from Voyageurs National Park to Lake Vermilion to the Ely area, and we know it well. And we hope as you get to know our little piece of paradise, you'll come to love it here as much as we do. Maybe we'll even be able to call you "neighbor" someday!



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Babbitt

Located on the eastern end of the Mesabi Iron Range, Babbitt remains an active mining town. Nearby Birch Lake, a sprawling reservoir just northeast of town, offers scenic vistas and great fishing. Only two portages away from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Cook

A thriving timber town that serves the western end of Lake Vermilion and the Little Fork River Valley. This bustling community hosts interesting shops and a wide range of medical services for when you twist your ankle out on the trail.

Crane Lake

If you're looking to relax, you've come to the right place. Located at the border, with Canada on the opposite shore, Crane Lake offers a full service outpost, with a wide range of resorts, houseboat rentals, and outfitters, whether you're headed to the Boundary Waters or Voyageurs National Park.

Ely

The community at the end of the road. Once a mining town, it's become the gateway to the Boundary Waters and with outfitters galore, it is now widely viewed as one of the top outdoors towns in America. It's got the best shopping north of Duluth, a thriving arts community, and great restaurants.

Embarrass

Once a Finnish enclave, this is a community that is still proud of its heritage and its reputation as the coldest place in the Lower '48. You can visit the Nelimark Homestead Museum and take a tour of restored Finnish log cabins and other outbuildings.

Lake Kabetogama

Well-known as a fishing hotspot, Lake Kabetogama is home to numerous top-notch resorts all located right on the edge of Voyageurs National Park. From here, you can access all of the park's major lakes.

Orr

If you want colorful history, Orr has it in spades. This former frontier town has stories that put the Wild West to shame and you can read about it in the book *Unforgettable Orr*, available at the Orr Visitors Center. It's the gateway to Voyageurs National Park and the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary.

Tower-Soudan

They're the oldest communities north of Duluth, founded in 1883 just ahead of the opening of the Soudan Mine, Minnesota's first and deepest iron mine. These former mining towns are tying their future to beautiful Lake Vermilion, a top destination for visitors and new residents to the area. A new harbor in downtown Tower is becoming the focal point for significant new development.



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Summer EVENTS & FESTIVALS

There's always something happening in the Lake Country!

JUNE

SAUNA DAY, June 8, at the Nelimark Homestead and Museum in Embarrass. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Traveling saunas on display, live music, games, demonstrations, Finnish foods and goods for sale. See www.sisuheritage.org for more.

SPRING ART EXPO, June 5-28. Local art exhibited at businesses throughout Cook. Sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts. See nwfamn.org.

TAKE-A-KID FISHING, June 7-9. Minnesota residents 16 and older fish for free when they accompany an angler 15 and younger. For more, visit www.dnr.state.mn.us.

COOK TIMBER DAYS, June 7-9, celebrating the impact of the timber industry on Cook and the surrounding area. Parade, food, live music, softball

tourney, pet show, fire-works, and more. Visit their Facebook page.

CHILDREN'S ART CAMP, June 10-12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Miner's Dry House in Ely for ages 7-12. See elygreenstone.org or call 218-235-1721.

COOK MUSIC IN THE PARK, Every Wednesday evening through August 28. Begins June 12, 6 p.m. at the gazebo in downtown Cook, featuring local musicians. Food available. At the nearby VFW in case of rain.

PETER MITCHELL FUN DAYS, June 14-16. 61st anniversary of Babbitt's biggest festival of the year. Check out their Facebook page for more.



TUESDAY NITE LIVE, June 18 through August 20. Enjoy live music every Tuesday evening at multiple Ely venues. Music times vary. Maps and event info available at Ely Chamber of Commerce. Shop local businesses for Tuesday specials.

LAND OF THE LOON FESTIVAL, June 15-16 in Virginia's Olcott Park, celebrates the culture and customs of the diverse people who settled in Northeastern Minnesota. Kick-off parade at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Visit landoftheloonfestival.com.

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JULY

NORTHERN LIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL, July 2-20, presents three weeks of opera, solo recitals, orchestral and chamber music at various venues. This year's opera is La Traviata. See www.northern-lightsmusic.org for more.

JULY 3RD FUN DAYS, downtown Orr. Boat parade, family fun during the day and fireworks at night.

TOWER-SOUDAN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, July 4. One of the oldest, largest and best celebrations in the area. 10K run, parade, children's activities, entertainment, fireworks!

4TH OF JULY IN ELY, July 4. The true small town parade starts at 1 p.m., with family activities to follow and fireworks at 10 p.m. over Miner's Lake.

CRANE LAKE 4TH OF JULY, July 4. Annual parade on Gold Coast Rd. begins at 7 p.m., with food, music, and fireworks at dusk. See visitcranelake.com for more.

ELY ART SHOW & SALE, July 13-15. From 1 to 4 p.m. daily at Ely Arts & Heritage Center. Opening Night Gala,



Saturday, July 12, from 7-9 p.m., \$15 ticket. Call 218-235-1721 or visit www.elygreenstone.org.

CRANE LAKE'S VOYAGEUR DAYS, July 22-27. A midsummer version of Crane Lake's annual Labor Day festival. Traditional fish fry plus races, kids activities, music, bingo, art show and an old-fashioned ice cream social. See visitcranelake.com for more information.

ELY WATERCOLOR SHOW & SALE, July 18- 21, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., featuring watercolor artists from Ely and surrounding area at Ely Arts & Heritage Center. Art available for purchase. No admission fee.

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Left: Bicyclists take part in the annual Mesabi Trail Tour.

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BOUNDARY WATERS BLUES FEST, Aug. 29-Sept. 2, in Winton. Great music, great fun. Camping available. See elyblues.com for more.

10TH ANNUAL LILYPAD PICNIC, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Ely. A fun picnic at Whiteside Park in honor of Lily the Bear, with games and music. Sponsored by Northwoods Bear Foundation. More at lilypadpicnic.com.

FINE ART & ARTISAN FAIR, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Amici's Ceremony Hall in Ely.

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LAKE VERMILION ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW, Sept. 1, noon to 4 p.m. If you love the look of lovingly restored wooden boats, this is the show for you. It's an annual event held at The Landing on the westernmost tip of Lake Vermilion. See acbs.org/event/2019-lake-vermilion-antique-classic-boating.

ELY'S HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL, Sept. 6-8. More than 125 artists and crafters, demonstrations, food, live music at Whiteside Park. See www.ely.org for more.

SISU COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT, Sept. 8, 4 p.m. Live music and supper at the restored Seitaniemi Housebarn in Waasa. 218-984-3012 or www.sisuheritage.com for more.

ELY MARATHON, Sept. 20-21. 5K Glow Run at 7 p.m. on Friday. Full, half, and kids' marathon races, plus canoe portage races, on Saturday. See elymarathon.com for more info and to register.



Above: The Lake Vermilion Antique and Classic Boat Show.



Left: There is a horse show along with team penning competitions at the Embarrass Region Fair.

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CATCH YOUR SUPPER!

Area fishing guides offer advice to get you started

You made it. You drove six hours with the family to get to that Lake Country resort you've been dreaming of for six months. You've checked in for a week, unpacked, and the kids are happily splashing in the water while your spouse lounges on the beach with a good book.

That boat you reserved for the week is parked at the dock, gassed, and ready to go. The walleyes are out there. You just need to go find them.

Ah, but where to begin?

There's a lot of water here in the Lake Country, far more than you could possibly explore in a week. So, we talked to some area fishing guides for tips on how to make the most of your time on the water. Here's a breakdown of what they had to say.

Hire a guide:

You might expect fishing guides to offer such a suggestion, but we agree this is probably the best money you can spend, especially if you're planning to fish one of the big lakes in the region, like Vermilion, Burntside or Kabetogama. Even a half-day spent with a guide, which will run you anywhere from \$275-\$325 for up to two people, will leave you far better prepared

Above: Fishing on Lake Vermilion.

Left: Showing off their catch of the day.



for a week of good fishing than anything else you could do. Schedule time with a guide early on in your stay, so you can take advantage of what you'll learn for the next several days.

According to Lake Vermilion guide Rob Bryers (218-780-7939), your guide will not only take you to a few of his hot spots, he'll give you even more valuable information, such as the proper depths to fish, the types of presentation to use, and which baits are working at the moment. That's all critical information for successful fishing.

Get a good map of the lake:

You'll find that most of the popular fishing lakes in the Lake Country have detailed maps, complete with depth contours and, often, a few tips on spots

that tend to produce fish, and these maps are typically available at most bait shops. Lake Vermilion guide Cliff Wagenbach (218-753-2005) says maps will reveal structure that tend to hold fish, and will also indicate depth breaks, where fish tend to congregate. These maps are particularly valuable for many of the smaller fishing lakes in the Lake Country, that often are not serviced by guides. If you don't have a guide, you'll definitely want a map.

Trust your fish finder: Whether you've brought your own fishing boat or are renting from a resort, you're likely to have access to an electronic fish locator.



When you understand how they work, they can be an extremely valuable tool to help you put fish in the live well. In combination with a map, they can help you quickly locate key locations and even tell you whether fish are actually present. "If I don't see fish on the graph, I generally won't even drop a line," said Wagenbach.

Think structure:

"For me, checking out a new lake is always about structure," says Ely area fishing guide Steve Foss (218-235-1147). While most anglers think of structure as humps and lake points, which frequently hold fish, area guides agree that depth breaks, particularly the first break off shore, where a relatively shallow shoreline shelf falls off into deeper water, is an excellent place to work for fish. And Foss says don't forget to think of weedbeds as part of the

Above: A peaceful day out on Lake Vermilion

Left: No Lake Country vacation is complete without trying to catch a nice walleye.



lake's structure since fish tend to frequent those areas, particularly the weedlines.

While the traditional paper maps offer this kind of information, Foss also likes some of the new fishing apps, like Navionics, that provide detailed information and mapping direct to your smartphone. "Navionics varies in accuracy from lake to lake, but most lakes are pretty well represented, and it's great for bottom contour and structure," said Foss. "There are other apps that can help with weedlines and transitions," he said.

On a big lake, like Vermilion, the amount of structure to consider is almost limitless, so Bryers says he likes to focus on a smaller area, such as a single bay. "Take that bay and pretend it's its own lake," he said. Scope out the depth breaks, look for weedbeds, and use your electronics to start marking fish.

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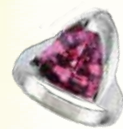
Ask a local bait dealer:

Even when you find the right places, getting fish to bite can still be a challenge. And that's where a conversation with a local bait shop owner can be critical. Let's face it, you can fill your tackle box with lures from a discount center, but the local bait shop still survives because most anglers recognize that these are the folks who have their finger on the pulse, which

makes them a must-stop. Pick up an extra lure or two, some live bait, and throw in a six-pack of pop and some ice and you're ready to hit the water. Most of all, ask the guy or gal behind the counter where the fish are biting, and what they're biting. When the bite switches from minnows to leeches, they'll know right away. When the fish are moving into deeper water, or setting up along the weedlines, they'll hear about it. They may be selling tackle and bait, but they also know they're selling information, so don't be shy about asking. You'll get useful intel from your local bait dealer, and they'll often have recent reports from some of the lesser-fished lakes as well as the most popular ones.

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In this day and age when most dogs are kept simply as pets, it's easy to forget that, for centuries, dogs had a purpose beyond companionship and, for the hunting breeds in particular, that purpose centered around the gathering of game in close cooperation with their human masters.

We may see our day out on the water as mere recreation, as a lark, or a chance to be with friends or family. To a dog, it's about reengaging ancient instincts, about shared experiences passed on through countless generations of dogs who hunted with their masters or herded and protected livestock. It's the essence of what it means to be a working

dog—to be in the outdoors with their humans on a mission in the primal quest for food.

I think it says something also about those of us who fish. It speaks to our relationship with the natural world. You take a dog fishing because, for us, the dog is part of our experience in the outdoors, just as it's been for centuries. Humans turned to dogs as helpers because they had abilities and senses that often put ours to shame. We relied on their speed, their acute hearing, and their incredible sense of smell to give us the advantage over the game we sought.

While we may not need those same skills in our quest for walleye, that really doesn't matter. The dog comes along because they are part of just about everything we do in the outdoors.

They are our companions, always ready, always eager, whether it's hiking in the woods, jumping in the canoe, or heading out in the fishing boat. And when evening comes, they're at home, curled up by our feet, dreaming of the day's adventures. We bring our dogs fishing because why would we do anything else?

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BIKING & HIKING

Mountain biking is an increasingly popular outdoor activity and visitors will now find more opportunities than ever to hit the trail here in the Lake Country.

Right: Mountain biking at Giants Ridge.

The area has long offered an almost limitless number of logging roads and backwoods trails that adventurous bikers can explore. But with the rising interest in mountain and fat tire biking, new and challenging trails are being developed across the area and some are now open.

Giants Ridge has been offering mountain biking opportunities for a number of years on their established 25-mile network of cross-country ski trails, which are open for fat tire biking in winter and fat tire and mountain biking in the summer months. But new gravity trails added last year are making Giants Ridge a must-visit for mountain biking enthusiasts, and new additions to their trail mix are on tap for this year.

Giants Ridge is already a well-known ski destination, but in summer the Ridge staff mounts racks to their high-speed chair lift to attach mountain bikes. That means you can reach the top the



easy way and enjoy the thrill of negotiating your way back to the bottom on any of two purpose-built single-track mountain bike trails designed for skill levels from intermediate to advanced. A third trail, known as the Kitty Cat trail, will be open this summer. It's a climbing trail to provide access to the two other gravity trails on days when the lift isn't operating and becomes a third gravity

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If you're looking for another great mountain biking experience this year, head to the Lookout Mountain wayside just off Hwy. 53 north of Virginia. That's where a local biking club opened the area's first true single-track mountain biking trail system in the area in 2016, and it's been a big hit with riders. The roughly seven miles of

Left: A vista from the trail at Lookout Mountain.

trail wind their way to the top of Lookout Mountain, just north of Virginia, offering outstanding over-

looks and a wide range of challenges to maintain the interest of riders of all skill levels. Much of the trail passes through heavily wooded terrain and the trail itself is barely a foot or two wide in most places. As with most high ground in the North Country, the trail is full of tree roots, boulders and rock cobble, all of which is left in place as part of the challenge.

While the trail is built to IMBA standards, it should be noted that those standards provide no guarantee you aren't going to crack your head open on a rock or smash into a tree, so don't even think about running the trail without a helmet. It's a serious adventure, which means you need to pay attention at all times or you can injure yourself. On the other hand, handled with care and at an appropriate speed, it's tons of fun.

While there is already a wealth of trails available now, there's plenty more to come, as regional planners in the Lake Country are working to build some serious cred with mountain and fat tire bikers. The state of Minnesota is investing \$4.5 million to expand mountain biking trails in the region. It's a huge financial commitment and it should open some new opportunities as early as late summer or fall.

One of those exciting options is being built just outside Chisholm. It's called the Redhead trail system, and the planners and engineers working on the project say it will have a distinctly western feel, with dramatic formations and canyons around former open pit mines. The 25-mile system will encompass four mine pit lakes, waterfalls, and spectacular vistas.

If this all sounds enticing, you'll want to make sure to put some serious mountain biking on your Lake Country itinerary.

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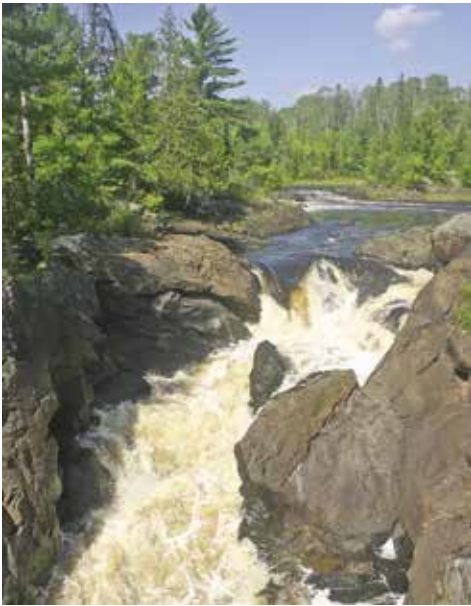
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The Vermilion Gorge trailhead is located in the community of Crane Lake, 27 miles northeast of Orr. Trail parking is 0.1 mile past the U.S. Park Service office on the left. At a leisurely pace, you can hike this 1.5-mile one-way trail



Left: The Vermilion River Gorge

Above: Bear Head is a friendly and quiet state park located between Tower and Ely.

in about three hours. The first two-thirds of the trail is relatively easy, with a wide, gravel trail bed.

But once you reach the river, the trail turns upstream and narrows and the gravel fades to a natural trail surface. This is the steepest and most interesting part of the trail, and you'll notice a dramatic change in vegetation as you climb. The aspen/birch forest, with its dense understory, gives way

to an open, park-like grove of red pine. Interpretive signs describe the historical development of the area, including logging, mineral prospecting, and the colorful fur trade era.

The deep gorge formed where the Vermilion River empties into Crane Lake is a dramatic sight and definitely worth the hike. But be careful with small children on this portion of the trail. The steep cliffs can be dangerous.

Stop in at the LaCroix Ranger District visitors center, on Hwy. 53 in Cook for a map of the trail.

BEAR HEAD LAKE & LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK TRAILS

While most people probably think of these parks for their namesake attractions, they each offer excellent hiking opportunities. Bear Head Lake, located halfway between Tower and Ely, offers a great selection of hiking trails through a wide variety of hilly terrain. Stop at the park office at the entry and pick up a trail map.

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flattened nearly 350,000 acres of the Superior National Forest, so it is a good spot to see the effects of that storm, as well as the forest's recovery.

The trail's ultimate destination is a rock cliff overlooking Ennis Lake. The cliff is popular with rock climbers and it provides an outstanding vista.

Pick up a trail guide at the U.S. Forest Service visitors center, located on Hwy. 169 on the east end of Ely.

to offer. In fact, there has long been great hiking at this park, much of it through beautiful old-growth pine. Park trails are generally wide and flat, and accessible to hikers of all abilities.

With the 3,500-acre addition that formed Lake Vermilion State Park, the number of trails has expanded and more trails are in the works. Visit the Soudan Mine visitors center for a map of all the latest trails.

BASS LAKE TRAILS

Located six miles north of Ely just off the Echo Trail, the Bass Lake trails are among the most popular in the area. A series of loop trails circumnavigate Bass and Dry lakes, and a portion of Low Lake, and they take hikers through historically and ecologically unique terrain along the way. These trails have it all, including remote backpacking campsites, scenic overlooks, waterfalls, sandy beaches, and more.

Allow yourself at least four hours to hike the trail, longer if you want to pack a lunch, a swimsuit, and make a day of it. You'll want sturdy footwear, since the trail

is rugged in many spots.

Bass and Low lakes occupy a long narrow basin that glaciers carved out of Pre-Cambrian rock. Prior to 1925, the two lakes were separated by a ridge of glacial gravel which acted as a natural dam between them. Logging operations in the area led to the construction of a sluiceway to move logs from Bass Lake to Low Lake, a drop of nearly 60 feet. Seepage soon weakened the sluiceway as water moved through the gravel adjacent to the structure. In April of 1925, the sluiceway and glacial ridge collapsed in a gigantic washout that created a 250-foot gorge in a matter of hours.

This catastrophe lowered the level of Bass Lake 55 feet in just ten hours. Bass Lake was reduced to about half its original size and two small lakes became isolated in the old lake bed. Approximately 250 acres of land was then exposed and a portion of the trail now winds along the former lakebed.

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Above: Many area trails, like this one at Bear Head Lake State Park, are great options for trail runners.



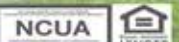
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ELY AREA

There are plenty of opportunities to view wildlife at the "end of the road." The International Wolf Center and the North American Bear Center, both located on the edge of town, provide a great way to learn more about these two large predators.

The Bear Center, located on Ely's west side, features live bears in an out-



You can watch wild bears as they climb trees and interact at the Vince Shute Sanctuary near Orr. The center is open to the public in the evenings, Tues.-Sun. through Sept. 1.

door enclosure as well as indoor exhibits highlighting the work of renowned bear researcher Lynn Rogers. Call 1-218-365-7879 or visit www.bear.org for more.

The International Wolf Center, found on the east side of Ely, has live wolves on display as well as indoor exhibits and special educational programs offered daily. Call 218-365-4695 or visit wolf.org.

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If you want to see black bears in the wild, this is the place to go. The sanctuary,

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If you're a birder, the varied habitat along the Echo Trail gives you one more good reason to go. It passes through the heart of the region's true boreal forest and it offers excellent habitat for species like

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You'll find the WMA about two miles southeast of the junction of Hwy. 135 and County Road 21 in Embarrass. From the junction, travel south about two miles to Soini Road (County 558). Head east about a mile and you'll find the WMA on your right. There's a small parking lot and walking trails that follow the old dike system created during its wild rice production days. The dikes form a number of separate large pools that are highly attractive to a wide range of birds. Be aware of trail construction work taking place this summer, which may impact access at times.

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WOLF & BEAR CENTERS OFFER NEW EXHIBITS

Visitors to Ely who are interested in wildlife will find plenty that's new at both the International Wolf Center and the North American Bear Center this year.

The work of famed wildlife researcher Lynn Rogers will be featured in a new exhibit at the bear center. "The reason behind this new addition to the center is that it puts validity in all the research that is here," said Scott Edgett, senior director of operations. "The entire body of study work highlighted here was initiated by Dr. Rogers, and this whole place, opened in 2007, is an outgrowth of his work."

While the new exhibit should be open by Memorial Day weekend, the center will be hosting a grand opening of the exhibit on July 19-21, during the tenth

anniversary of the Lily Pad Picnic, that celebrates the first-ever web-cam-viewed birth of a bear cub.

And speaking of cubs, anyone with children will want to be sure to visit the center's new Cub Room, a children's education and play area that has been under construction for the past two years. Cub Room visitors are greeted by a large white pine tree trunk in the center of the room, modeled after a local tree that was struck by lightning.

"The Cub Room allows our little visitors to have fun while learning about bears and wildlife," Edgett said. "A reading area, interactive bear den cave, and hi-def audio-visual capability, all in a forest setting, focuses on the cub-



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Far Left: Ely’s North American Bear Center has a brand new children’s educational area.
Left: You are sure to see black bears in the center’s enclosure.

And just up the road, on the eastern edge of Ely, you’ll find the International Wolf Center, which has just replaced its longstanding Wolves and Humans display, which had been an educational mainstay for the center since it opened in 1993. Starting

this year, visitors will find a new and highly-interactive exhibit in its place, one that will highlight the role that wolves play in nature.

“The innovative exhibit will use interactive technology and powerful stories to teach kids and adults about the roles that wolves play in ecosystems, and how they are managed to co-exist with humans,” said Rob Schultz, executive director of the center. “Board members, wolf biologists, volunteers and staff have been planning with the design team for nearly a year.”

“The new exhibit will give visitors, especially families, an opportunity to experience wolves in fun, creative ways,” Schultz said. “A howling room will simulate what it’s like to hear wolves at night in the wilderness, an airplane cockpit will recreate the unique birds-eye view that just a few biologists experience while tracking and observing wolves from the air, and a science lab will help children of all ages explore the biology of wolves.”

The new exhibit is made possible through a \$1 million grant from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

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Located between Tower and Ely, at Bear Head Lake State Park. This small beach is lightly used and the water is clear. But watch out for the drop-off if you have young kids.

Semer's Park Beach

Located on Shagawa Lake in Ely, it's busier than most other area beaches, but it has a pavilion and nearby restaurant that make it attractive.

McKinley Park Beach

Located on Lake Vermilion, near Soudan, it's a popular spot with a campground store, showers, playground.

Hoodoo Point Beach

Located on Lake Vermilion, near Tower, the shallow water makes this a good option for young children. There are also pockets of natural clay along the shore that keep the kids entertained. Campground store, showers, playground.

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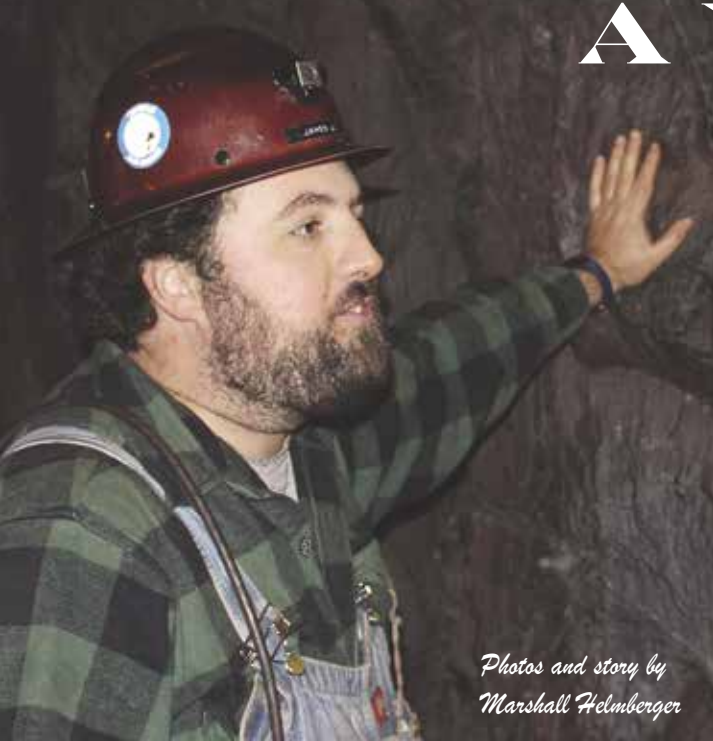
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The walking tours of the mine are new and are being offered every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. The tour, which is different from the regular tours that the DNR has offered at the mine for decades, gives visitors the chance to explore the mine on foot, learning much more about the geology that created the mine and some of the dangers

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The two-hour long walking tour takes visitors on a one-of-a-kind exploration of the geology of the Soudan Underground Mine.

that mineworkers faced as they tried to locate and extract the valuable ore. Along the way, visitors can feel and examine up close the tortured rock through which miners dug to access the rich ore deposits that put Tower and Soudan on the map.

While the public often thinks of the ore deposits at Soudan as vast columns of

hematite that extended from the surface down into the earth, in fact, most of the hematite was found in small pockets located within a vast formation of two billion-year-old metamorphic greenstone. The geologists who worked in the mine were under constant pressure to locate pockets large enough to justify extraction. "They generally had to be the size of a two-story house [to be viable]," according to James Juip, an interpreter who leads these special tours.

The geologists drilled thousands of expensive test cores in a sometimes-desper-

ate search for new deposits. "Talk about a high-pressure job," said Juip, noting that one early geologist who had miscalculated in his search for ore was later found drowned in Lake Vermilion. Over the years, men in the mine drilled thousands of miles of core, starting at the surface and moving further into the earth as the mine expanded downward and outward. "We could take all the cores from Soudan and lay them out right here and we could run them out to Seattle and there'd be maybe a mile or two left over," said Juip.



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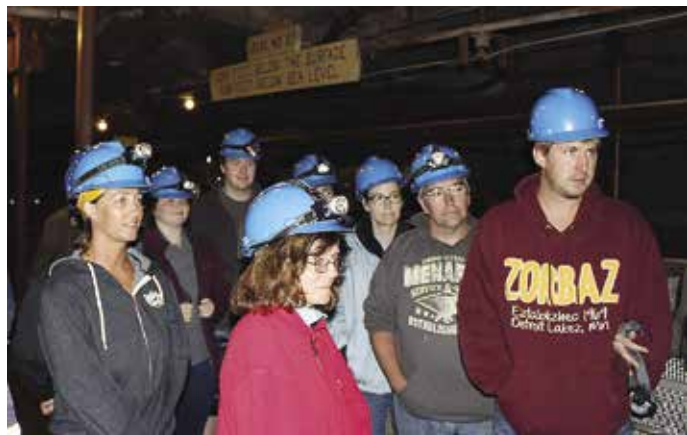
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And locating a deposit was only part of the process. Once located, men called “drifters” were deployed to blast tunnels, or drifts, through the surrounding greenstone to reach the new deposit, and that process could take years. Standing near the main shaft at the 27th level, Juip pointed down the drift that miners built here in the 1950s. “Geologists told us there was ore three-quarters of a mile in that direction, and it took them three years of constant drilling and blasting to drive this drift out to the pocket of ore.”

The cost of production in such a mine was extraordinary, but the absolute

purity of the hematite found at Soudan made it a crucial component of steel production for the better part of eighty years. “This ore is so pure that you can weld two chunks together,” says Juip. “It’s 99.9125 percent pure.”

Before the discovery of the Soudan hematite, most steel produced in the U.S. was of relatively low quality due to high levels of impurities. Adding Soudan ore (about 100 pounds for every ton of steel) to the mix, however, helped to strengthen the steel significantly, which made the ore valuable enough to justify the high cost of production. But by the late 1950s, steel

production technology had changed and the Soudan ore was no longer necessary, which meant there was no longer an economic justification for producing ore that was many times more expensive than the new-fangled taconite pellets being mined on the Mesabi Range.

While most of the Soudan ore was found in relatively small pockets, there was one exception, according to Juip—the Montana ore body, which extended from the surface at least as far down as the 27th level, located a half-mile underground. “This is the ore body that kept us in business,” says Juip, “It’s the only pure column



Memories of the Early Days

A fascinating look back at the early history of the Lake Vermilion area

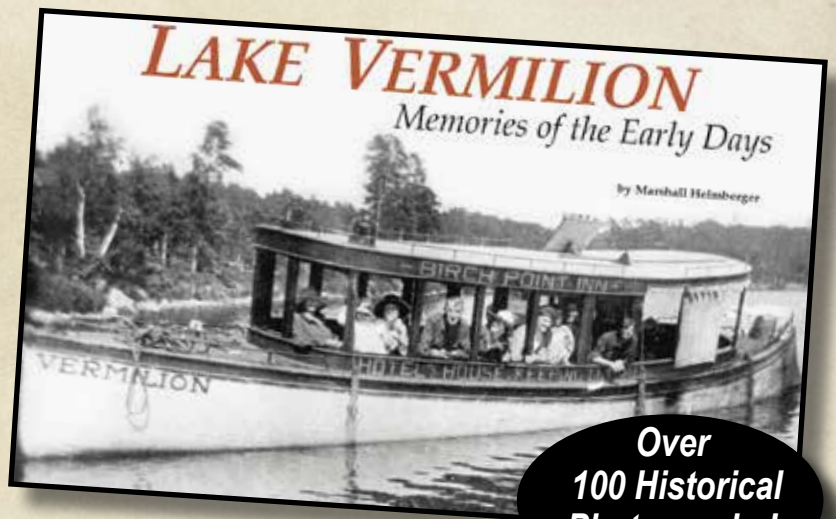
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of ore,” he said, and it extends one thousand feet across in many places. “If it wasn’t for this ore body, we probably would have quit mining here about 1910 or 1920.”

Tough conditions

While conditions at Soudan were safer and more pleasant than in most underground mines, it still took its toll on many who worked underground. While the miners who blasted and loaded the iron ore generally maintained their health, the men who dug the miles of drifts through the greenstone suffered the effects of the rock’s high silica content. “This stuff is about 80-percent silica,” said Juip. “This dust will give you silicosis and kill you,” he said. “The men who created these drifts here in Soudan, every single one of them died within six years of the mine closing. And a number of them had lung cancer and they didn’t smoke.”

In the earlier years of the mine, before the establishment of unions and the transition to underground mining, the conditions were far worse. While record-keeping was limited in the mine’s early years, says Juip, “we know that at least 150 men died in the open pits,” and the number could be as high as 220, he said.

“Believe it or not, here in Soudan,

the underground mining was actually safer than open pit mining,” he said. “I definitely wouldn’t have wanted to be a guy in the open pit. It must have been a terrifying experience.”

For the mine’s owners, notes Juip, the deaths of miners were considered just another cost of business and the mine’s early superintendent, D. H. Bacon, urged the creation of a night shift as early as 1885, even as miner deaths rose. In a recently-obtained 1885 letter from Bacon to mine owner Charlemagne Tower, Bacon noted that with a steady stream of new workers who appeared at the mine daily, the mine could operate 24 hours a day. “Every day,” wrote Bacon, “there are more than 50 people standing waiting for work. If we put those people to work on the night shift, with the acceptable losses that we discussed, there’s still enough people coming in on a daily basis that we can replace the people lost and actually make a profit with a day and a night shift.”

“That’s the way things were looked at in the 1880s,” said Juip, “and there’s written proof of that.”

Signs of life, on Mars?

Some of the deepest bore holes in the mine are located on the 27th level and

Juip notes that some of those holes accessed pockets of ancient sea brines that have been trapped underground for billions of years. And found within those brines are previously unknown iron-eating bacteria that require no free oxygen and that appear able to survive temperatures as hot as 2,000 degrees and as cold as near-absolute zero.

That’s one of the reasons these ancient brines have attracted research attention from NASA, as Juip recently learned from one of the visitors to the mine who explained the reasons for the interest. “He told me that chemical for chemical, the rocks you guys see here today are like the rocks that were picked up by the last Mars rover probe. Iron, banded iron formations, and greenstone, all that stuff was also found on Mars.”

Given the ability of the bacteria in the brines to survive extreme conditions, NASA scientists believe very similar bacteria could very well exist on Mars today. “So he said, ‘we’re studying this because we think maybe our first contact with alien life is the same bacteria that makes this water right here kind of a yellowish color.’”

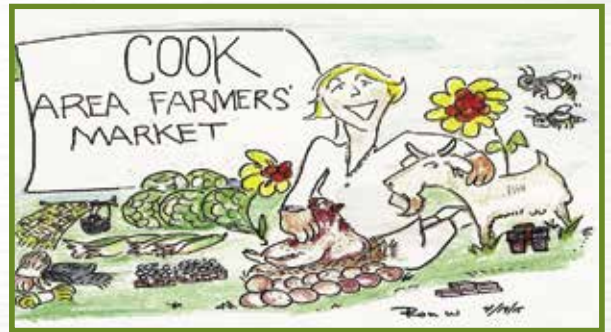
“How cool is that?” asks Juip.
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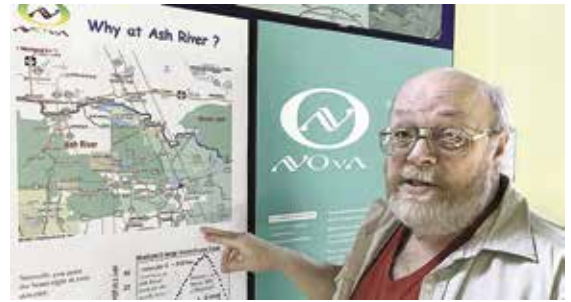
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DON'T FORGET your BINOCULARS

While visitors often come to the Lake Country for fun and relaxation, an ever-growing number of them are coming for the spectacular birdwatching.

Perhaps because there are so many other things to do in the region, the Lake Country's tremendous diversity of bird life often gets overlooked.

Yet, in the summer, the forests of northern St. Louis and Lake counties are literally alive with well over 150 species of birds, including dozens of neo-tropical migrants, such as warblers, vireos, and even the spectacular scarlet tanager. The abundance

of lakes and wetlands in the area also attracts many species of ducks, as well as loons, bald eagles, herons and bitterns. Many northern species, which are rare or nonexistent in other parts of the U.S, are also found here, including Canada jays, boreal chickadees, ravens, red-breasted nuthatches, spruce grouse, three-toed woodpeckers, and great gray owls.

While you can see most of these species almost anywhere in the Lake Country, some places are known for their abundance of birds. Here is a selection of local favorites.

Above left: A Blackburnian warbler peeks from the branches of a white pine. This spectacular bird is one of nearly two dozen species of neo-tropical warblers that come to the Lake Country every summer to breed.

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Right: A male spruce grouse in breeding display.

Far right: The yellow forehead and black and white back identify this as a rare American three-toed woodpecker.



The Birch Lake Dam

Located about nine miles south of Ely on Hwy. 1, the area around the Birch Lake Dam is popular with many area birders. The area, which was first mentioned in one of the oldest guides to birding in the state, has been a hot spot for decades and it's still one of the most reliable birding locations in the region. The area gets lots of morning sun, which attracts warblers, flycatchers and many other birds. Waterfowl of all kinds are always a good bet, with the water nearby. You can walk along the dike that extends on either side of the dam and get a treetop view of the surrounding forest. A nearby gravel road is also a good bet, and leads to an old CCC camp where you can walk down the former streets of the 1930s-era camp.

The Agassa Lake Portage

This roughly three-quarters of a mile-long portage just off the Echo Trail north of Ely offers an ideal mix of upland and lowland conifer forest, making it one of your best bets for species like boreal chickadees, Cape May and Connecticut warblers, yellow-bellied flycatchers, and black-backed woodpeckers. The portage trail is located about 16 miles north of Ely on the Echo Trail. You can park at the Angleworm trailhead. The portage trail is across the road, a

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Left: A black-throated green warbler catches a worm. It is among roughly two dozen species of warblers that breed in the Lake Country.



Far left: The chocolate brown cap of the boreal chickadee is a key field mark that distinguishes this species from the more common black-capped variety.

this short trek, from warblers and thrushes in the wooded portions to pelicans, grebes, and ducks in the Pelican River. Interpretive signs point out other things of interest along the way. It's wheelchair accessible, but watch for occasional uneven tread along the floating river section. It's a great way to stretch your legs if you're headed to Voyageurs National Park or points beyond.

Lake Kabetogama

All the big lakes in Voyageurs National Park attract birds, but the relatively shallow waters and countless rocky islands of Lake Kabetogama make it the best of the bunch for seeing a wide variety of birds. If you don't have a boat of your own, consider hitching a ride on one of the park's tour boats, or rent a kayak to explore some of the more protected bays. White pelicans

are frequently seen here, along with double-breasted cormorants, bald eagles, osprey, goldeneyes, and common and Caspian terns. If you have a boat, check out the Locator Trail on the Kabetogama Peninsula. It's a beautiful walk and a great place to see warblers. You can get more information at the park's Kabetogama Visitor Center on County Road 123. For directions and boat tour schedules, call them at 218-875-2111.

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Left: Paddling a traditional voyageur canoe on Rainy Lake.

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As the nation's only true water-based national park, the 219,000-acre Voyageurs National Park is best seen from one of its several large lakes. While you can reach its three main visitor centers by road, the interior of the park is accessible only by water.

Unlike the Boundary Waters Canoe

Area Wilderness to its east, Voyageurs National Park is open to motor use and also offers boat tours to many scenic and historic sites within the park. But while motorboats are commonly used, the park also offers great opportunities for those seeking a quieter experience. Canoeing has always been a common mode of travel

in the park and kayaking has become increasingly popular as well.

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ming beaches, and more. The Park Service also maintains more than 200 water-access campsites, which feature picnic tables, fire grates, tent pads and bear-proof food lockers. Most of these campsites are located on islands and they offer a fabulous opportunity to experience the park at its rustic best. All sites now require a reservation based on a new policy. See www.nps.gov/voya/index.htm for details.

If you want to explore the park, but aren't looking to rough it, you can rent a houseboat, which can sleep several people in style, and be free to travel throughout most of the park's major lakes.

Other popular activities in the park

include:

☞ Fishing—The big border lakes are famous for their fishing. Everything from walleye to northern pike to monster sturgeon ply these waters and anglers by the thousands test their skills and their luck on the lakes in the park every year. Peak times run from fishing opener (May 11 this year) to late June, and then again in later summer right through the fall, although fishing can be good just about anytime if you know where to go. If it's your first time fishing in the park, consider hiring a guide. Just contact any local resort and they'll put you in touch with a reputable one.

☞ Birdwatching—Voyageurs National Park is home to an impressive variety of birds in the summer months. It's one of the best places in North America to view warblers on their summer breeding grounds. The Locator Trail on Lake Kabetogama is a popular spot to see warblers, since it passes through a variety of habitats, giving birders the opportunity to see many different species. In addition, the park's vast lakes attract other highly sought-after birds like common and Caspian terns, white pelicans, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, and loons.

☞ Hiking—A number of hiking trails exist within the park, offering access to remote lakes and the vast forests associated with the park. The longest trail, the 24-mile Kab/Ash Trail, runs along the park's south side. The trail's four access points allows users to hike just a portion of the trail at any time.

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Learn about the life of the last resident of the Boundary Waters Wilderness at the Dorothy Molter Museum in Ely. Her original wilderness log cabin was painstakingly moved and re-assembled in Ely and is now home to the museum that bears her name. Dorothy was famous for her homemade root beer, which prompted her common nickname, "The Root Beer Lady."

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☞ The 9-hole **Ely Golf Club**, just south of town on

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☞ The 18-hole **Wilderness at Fortune Bay** on Lake Vermilion near Tower has won so many top awards, we don't have room to list them all. For information, or a tee time, call 1-800-992-4680.

☞ **The Legend and The Quarry at Giants Ridge** in Biwabik, have both consistently been rated among

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☞ **Wolf Ridge Golf Course** is located west of Lake Vermilion, in Angora. It has a reputation as an interesting and challenging course. Call 877-666-0218 for more information.

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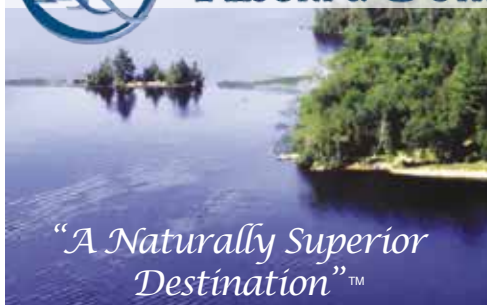
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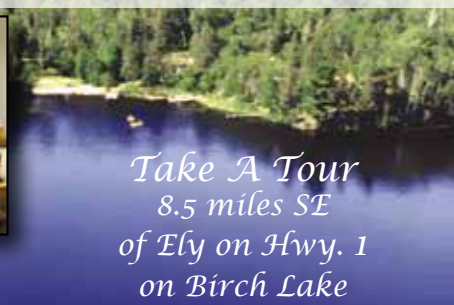


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If you're just looking for an easy adventure, a day trip is a great option, says Jane Koschak, who operates River Point Resort and Outfitters near Ely. Pack a

lunch, your swim trunks, and a bucket for blueberries and you've got the makings of an outstanding day in the wilderness. Most outfitters will provide you with a canoe for the day, and can even supply a guide if you'd like. A guide is particularly helpful if you're looking to catch some fish, or if you've never attempted a backcountry ad-

venture before.

There are also many great day-trip options that can give even the novice adventurer a taste of the Boundary Waters without spending a lot, or having to camp overnight. And while overnight stays in the wilderness require permits that are subject to quotas, there's no limit on day use in the Boundary Waters.

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Still, for many, the true wilderness experience can only come from a longer venture into the canoe country, and that's where outfitters can really be your friend.

Before contacting an outfitter, however, think about a few questions. Such as, how many days would you like to be out? How many will be in your party? And what kind of a trip are you looking for?

Trips generally fall into one of three categories, including:

☛ **Base camp**— which involves paddling to a nice campsite and using that as

your home base for various activities.

☛ **Touring**— which involves a longer journey, typically with a new camp every evening.

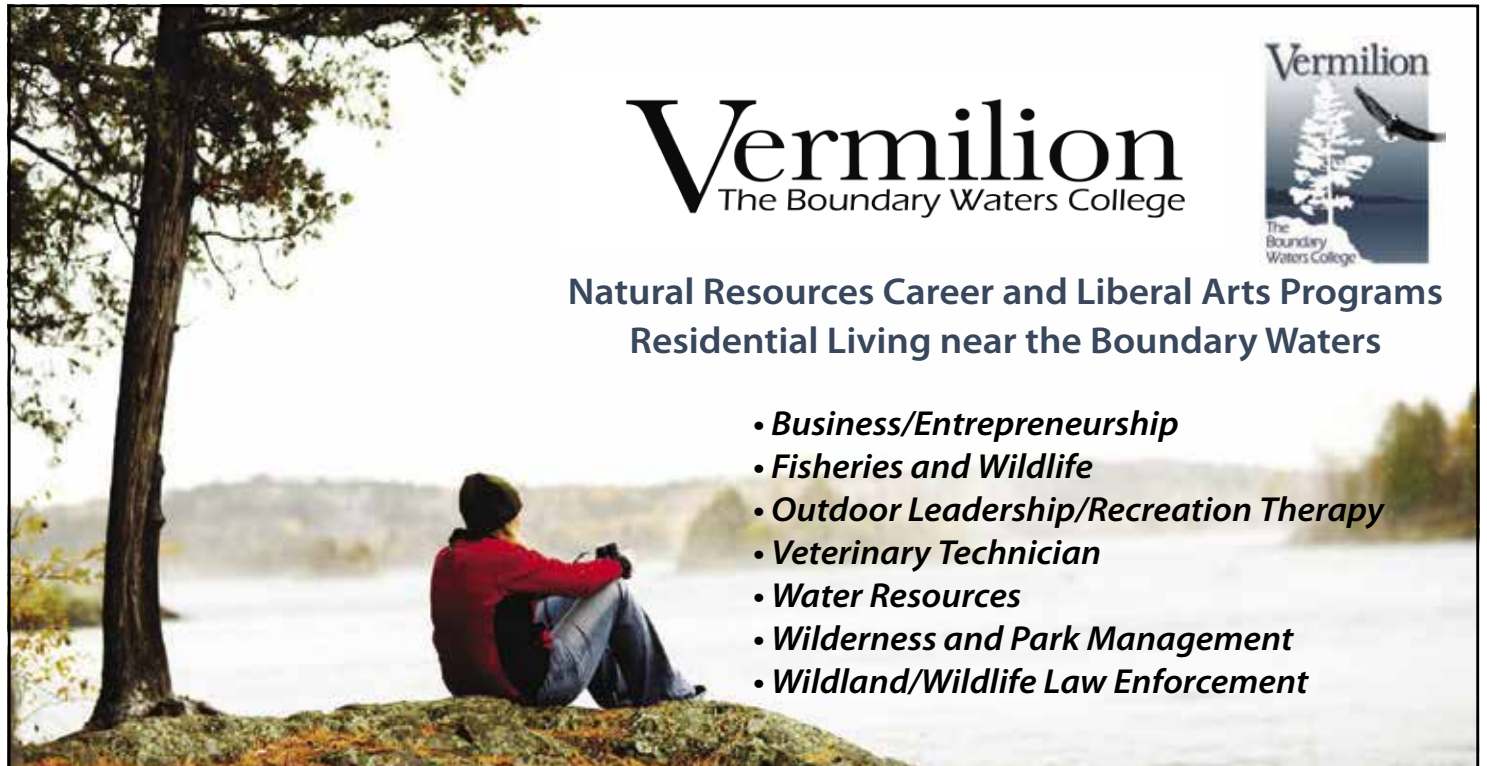
☛ **Fishing**— you get the idea.

The focus of your trip will help determine the best routes, gear, and destinations. While every Boundary Waters lake has fish, some offer a lot better fishing than others. If you just want to see the sights, your outfitter can recommend some of the most scenic routes in the area. If you're base-camping, you'll really want a nice campsite, probably with a beach and some good fishing or berry-picking nearby.

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for the uninitiated, your outfitter knows how to navigate the bureaucracy as well as the portages, and they'll take care of that for you. That's not to say that a permit is always available for every entry point. Sometimes, you might have to settle for your second or third choice entry, unless you've reserved a permit well in advance.

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lower level has two bedrooms and a family room with a full bar that opens to the 54 foot lakefront patio. The yard is gradual and leads to the sandy shore. There is in floor heat on all three floors, central air, central vac, and a covered entry. One of the additional structures is a three car garage with an apartment above that features a bedroom, a bath, a granite kitchen, and in floor heat on both levels. An extra garage features a rec room above. There is a double rail boathouse and three docks. Seasonal waterfall. Whole house sound including outside.

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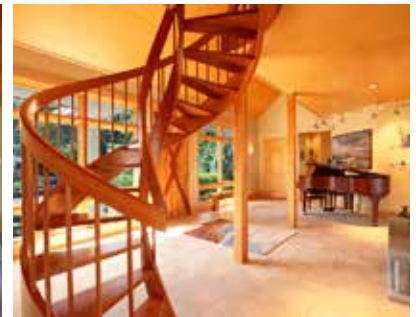
and the bar. Fireplaces accent both the great room and bar. The bar is open to the screen porch with a slate floor. Custom Alder cabinetry supports Brown Leather granite and marble countertops. A main floor lakeside master suite has a gas fireplace and its own turret with glass doors to a lakeside patio. It has an expansive walk in closet as well as a spacious bathroom with a whirlpool tub. Additional amenities include a backup generator, manicured grounds, a boathouse, a dock, and an attached 3+ stall garage with a fitness room and sauna above.

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Birch Point Paradise

TOWER, MN A private Lake Vermilion family compound. Formerly the site of the historic Birch Point Inn famous for its sand beach, towering pines, and blue water vistas. This property is set on South facing shoreline on a paved road on prime Big Bay. Close to town and just minutes from golf and dining. BWCA access nearby. The Nantucket style main home sits at the waters edge and the floor plan aligns with the shoreline. The original Birch Point Inn fireplace is among the unique attributes of this property. A chefs kitchen opens to the great room, the dining room, and the 3 season porch - all lakeside. There is a waters edge master with a private bath. Five matching cedar shake cabins can easily sleep 30. Outdoor amenities include a level yard, gardens, mossy stone walls, a boathouse with a sauna, a hot tub, 4 garage stalls, and a dock with a lift.

OFFERED AT \$1,290,000
DETAILS 4 BED/3 BATH 4,538 SF
2.7 ACRES 200 FT SHORELINE
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Waconda Bay Beauty

COOK, MN A master builder's private peninsula estate on Lake Vermilion, like driving to your own island! Ideal location between 2 coveted bays. Sunrise views of Niles & sunsets over Waconda. 2 level acres & 590 ft lakeshore w/opposite shoreline to remain undeveloped, just 12 Mi to town/airport. Built 2005, stone & cedar home, two story timber frame trussed great room w/massive fireplace. Knotty Alder/granite kitchen w/walk in pantry & island open to great room, dining & screen porch—all lake-side. Main flr lakeside King suite. Upstairs, 2 family size BRs, bth, reading/game rm area—all w/water views. Downstairs, fam rm w/ kitchen, sauna, workshop, 4th BR. In flr heat all flrs. Attached 3 stall garage w/guest quarters above. Drilled well, whole house back up generator, lawn sprinkler system. Boathouse w/2 rails, paved boat launch, and 2 docks.



OFFERED AT \$1,495,000
DETAILS 4 BED/4 BATH 5,000 SF
 2 ACRES 590 FT SHORELINE
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Country Estate - Ely

ELY, MN Boundary Waters Area country estate overlooking Shagawa Lake & bordering Burgo Lake. Set on 142 acres, a mix of split rail fenced pasture & designated tree farm, just 4 mi to Ely. Historic barn magnificently converted to stone & log timber frame home in 2001. Log beamed main flr w/high ceilings & natural light pouring in windows in 2 ft thick stone walls, wood burning firepl, screen porch. Custom stainless kitchen w/island. 2 sets of french doors open to formal living room & office (could be addl bedrooms). Up the log stairs is a log trussed vaulted great rm w/fire-pl & glass doors to lakeside deck. Luxurious master suite w/firepl. 2 guest BRs, 2 baths, sauna. In flr heat, covered entry, manicured grounds, firepit patio. Once an established horse farm, restored outbuildings include 3 barns(1 heated), machine shed & pump house.



OFFERED AT \$1,395,000
DETAILS 3 BED/4 BATH 4,100 SF
 142 ACRES
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Luxury Country Living

MT. IRON, MN Private estate built by contractor for his family, set on wooded acres featuring a river & 2 ponds. Beautiful country views & abundant wildlife! Just 15 mi to Virginia or 10 to Hibbing. Custom built 2003, cedar sided home w/ lg attached garage, covered & enclosed porches riverside. Cedar sauna log cabin, 48x36 detached garage w/in-flr heat, 60x36 detached garage w/36x20 heated workshop. Vaulted great rm w/massive firepl & natural light pouring in two story tall windows, open to covered porch, firepit patio & 3 season porch w/hanging bed—all along the river. Hickory/granite/SubZero kitchen features Aga stove & 2 islands, open to DR & south patio. Main flr master BR, bth & laundry. Upstairs master BR & fam rm/office/potential BR, each open to a private deck overlooking river. Spacious loft BR. Wine cellar. Addl acreage available.

OFFERED AT \$889,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 5,240 SF
31.9 ACRES 3,858 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136540



Log Retreat With A View

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion Voyageur Log Home w/excellent swimming shoreline, private gradual lot near end of road, towering old growth white pines, beautiful views! Just 5 mi to town, championship golf, dining. 2,400 SF, 3B/3B home, 3 car garage, boat-house. Lakefront great rm w/natural light pouring in two story tall Anderson windows, massive stone firepl, glass doors open to 3 season porch & lakefront cedar deck. Hickory/granite kitchen w/sit around L & slate flr open to living & dining—all lakeside. Main flr master w/ensuite bath. Up log stairs is reading/game rm overlooking lake & BR w/own deck & full bth. Spacious walkout garden level offers family rm w/barnwood trim & gas firepl; bth w/heatd flr; BR (no egress) or office/studio, laundry rm. Cent air, covered entry, open yard for activities, well, newer septic, good internet.

OFFERED AT \$595,000
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,400 SF
2.25 ACRES 176 FT SHORELINE
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Eshquaguma Beachhouse

GILBERT, MN Dig your toes into the sand beach or relax in front of the fireplace as the sun sinks down—see all the way across Lake Eshquaguma. Secluded one owner yr rnd beachhouse set back off paved rd on S.-facing gradual lot w/towering pines. Just 12 mi to Virginia, 50 to Duluth, 10 to Giants Ridge. Built 2013, LP Smartsided home, attached 2 car garage w/in-flr heat, ins. guest cabin, two lakeside patios. Lakefront living rm w/natural light pouring in window wall. Stainless & granite kitchen w/sit around island open to living rm, dining rm & covered patio—all lakeside. Lakefront main flr master w/walk in closet, private bth. Main flr laundry. Walkout beach level w/2 bedrms, full bth, fam rm w/glass door to beachfront patio. Air cond, economical in-flr heat, covered entry, open yard for activities, dock, drilled well, compliant septic, high speed internet.



OFFERED AT \$589,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,698 SF
 0.8 ACRES 94 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136480



Hunters Farm Paradise

COOK, MN From the waterfall to the walleye fishing to the hay fields and prepared hunting features, this property has it all! 280 Acres of rare prime farmland between Tower and Cook located on 2,200' of Rice River Frontage. Just 12 miles to the Lake Vermilion public launch. Buildings include a 36x26 heated shop with a high bay door, a 80x40 machine shed, a 60x34 barn, and a 1,600 SF farmhouse w/wood and oil heat. The property features trails and culverts to access everything, a 1.5 acre duck and fishing pond, hunting stand locations, active hay fields, and great walleye fishing, even a 13' circumference Oak tree! Purchase this unique property and use it as the ultimate hunting property or farm it as in the past.



OFFERED AT \$529,000
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,621 SF
 280 ACRES 2,200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#134773

Big Sturgeon Comfort and Class

SIDE LAKE, MN Custom lake home at waters edge with sandy swimming shoreline, private level lot, beautiful blue water views! Brick home on S.-facing lakeshore w/att & det garages. 2 story tall great room with natural light, two sided gas fireplace. Spacious lakeside DR, mission style glass doors to huge lakefront patio. Stainless kitchen. Main floor lakeside master. Dock & private boat launch!

OFFERED AT \$499,000
DETAILS 3 BED/4 BATH 3,310 SF
2.19 ACRES 150 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135823



Long Lake Family Size Fun

COTTON, MN Lake home w/sandy swimming, private gradual lot, beautiful views! Located between Duluth and Virginia. Home features a prow front great room, 2 stone fireplaces, glass doors open to lakefront deck. Stainless kitchen w/island open to great rm, dining rm & huge screen porch—all lakeside. Lakeside master. Walk-out LL. Heated 2 stall garage w/full guest quarters above!

OFFERED AT \$449,500
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 3,760 SF
2.77 ACRES 150 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135720



Burntside Log Masterpiece

ELY, MN Furnished Burntside Lake log home with panoramic views of both main lake & North arm. Set on approximately 600 ft of South facing shoreline & 17 acres of 200 yr old white pines, surrounded on 3 sides by State & Federal forest. The home was custom built in 2000 by a woodworker for his family. An open great room features a 2 story fieldstone fireplace.

OFFERED AT \$1,490,000
DETAILS 4 BED/2 BATH 4,625 SF
17.3 ACRES 600 FT SHORELINE

Sold!!



Eagles Nest Square Log Retreat

ELY, MN Furnished Bissonett-Built log retreat secluded in towering pines bordering St. land & S.-facing shoreline of incredibly clear Eagles Nest Lake 2. Great location between Ely & Tower. Vaulted great rm w/2 story tall windows, wood stove, door to lakefront deck. Kitchen open to great rm & dining rm. Spacious loft w/water view. Walk-out LL offers authentic Finnish sauna. Gated driveway.

OFFERED AT \$448,500
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 1,254 SF
14.2 ACRES 635 FT SHORELINE
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Birch Point Family Retreat

TOWER, MN Secluded one-level Lake Vermilion year-round cabin or home at waters edge on prime Daisy Bay! Private gradual lot w/100 ft swimming shoreline, mesmerizing sunrise to sunset island studded views. Paved circle drive off paved Birch Point, close to town, golf, dining. Home at waters edge w/stone waterfront patio & seawall. Boathouse w/rail. Cedar sauna. Storage bldg. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$349,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 876 SF
 0.4 ACRES 100 FT SHORELINE



Gardeners Dream Log Lake Home

EVELETH, MN Stunning log home set on secluded Murphy Lake, level lot w/S.-facing shoreline, just 10 minutes to Eveleth & Virginia, 20 to Hibbing, 45 to Duluth. One owner home, 2 stall gar w/yr rnd apt above, guest cabin at waters edge. Vaulted great room w/fireplace & floor-ceiling glass lakeside open to wrap around deck. Custom kitchen. Spacious loft w/bth & room for at least 2 beds.

OFFERED AT \$448,500
DETAILS 2 BED/3 BATH 2,260 SF
 3 ACRES 206 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135387



Birch Lake Year Round Living

ELY, MN Easy one level lake living. Scandinavian style home w/sandy shoreline, private gradual lot, beautiful sunset views, access to the BWCA! Built by contractor for his family. Vaulted great rm w/stone firepl & lakefront sun porch. Birch kitchen w/farm sink, silestone counters & island. LL - 2 BRs, 2nd kitch, and fam rm. 2 stall garage w/bonus above. Sauna cabin at waters edge & dock.

OFFERED AT \$449,500
DETAILS 3 BED/2 BATH 2,000 SF
 1 ACRE 150 FT SHORELINE
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McKinley Park Nest

TOWER, MN Relax in front of choice of fireplaces as the sun sinks into the water. Custom Lake Vermilion home w/excellent swimming shoreline, open level yard! SW-facing in prime McKinley Park, close to new state park. Ash great rm w/sunsets pouring in lakefront windows, firepl & glass door to deck. Walkout LL has fam rm w/firepl & sauna. 2+ stall htd garage, boathouse. 2 docks - 7 ft deep off end.

OFFERED AT \$539,000
DETAILS 2+ BEDS/4 BATH 2,200 SF
 1.3 ACRES 230 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM

Frazer Bay Guest Home & Lot

TOWER, MN Secluded Lake Vermilion setting near end of road on Frazer Bay. Offers S.-facing sand swimming shore, gradual lot, yr round cedar sided guest home, 3 stall insulated garage, dbl rail boathouse, dock, sauna, insulated bunkhouse & room to build new home w/mesmerizing island studded view! Log cabin sauna at waters edge. Underground water, sewer & electric installed to building site.

OFFERED AT \$424,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 1,344 SF
6 ACRES 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135799



Superior Serenity

HOVLAND, MN Waters edge cottage tucked into beautiful Chicago Bay on Lake Superior just North of Grand Marais. Totally remodeled by Master Builder. This yr-round cabin is your dream getaway retreat offering sweeping big water views from the vaulted living room & the lakefront deck. Relax in front of the fireplace as the waves crash onto the shore & the orange moon rises!

OFFERED AT \$398,000
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 960 SF
1 ACRE 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135968



9 Acres On Armstrong Lake

ELY, MN Easy one level living in this one owner lake home with mesmerizing blue water vistas on 9 private acres & S.-facing shoreline, set off paved Hwy 169 in beautiful Eagles Nest area, close to State parks, town, golf, dining. 3+ stall garage. Prow front great room with natural light & lakefront views, stone firepl, glass doors open to lakeside deck. Kitchen with sit around island.

OFFERED AT \$334,500
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,050 SF
9 ACRES 690 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136017



Waconda Bay Sunsets

COOK, MN West-facing Lake Vermilion retreat in coveted Waconda Bay, w/open lakeside yard gently sloping to sandy swimming shoreline. 2 story walls of glass showcase beautiful captured sunset views! Just 10 mi to town. Great rm w/massive stone fireplace, stainless & granite kitchen, full lakeside deck, attached 3 stall garage, guest cabin, sauna, boathouse!

OFFERED AT \$630,000
DETAILS 3 BED/3 BATH 2,780 SF
2 ACRES 191 FT SHORELINE
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Long Lake Home in the Pines

EVELETH, MN One level living in this well built one owner yr-round home set in acres of towering pines on sandy shoreline. Paved drive on Long Lake, just 10 mi to Virginia, 50 to Duluth. Spacious kitchen & dining areas. Lakefront livingrm w/fireplace & lots of natural light. Hardwd maple flrs under carpet. 2 stall garage w/storage above. Peaceful park like backyard forest.

OFFERED AT \$249,000
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 2,224 SF
 9 ACRES 140 FT SHORELINE
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Frazer Bay Vistas

TOWER, MN Furnished one level Lake Vermilion yr-rnd retreat w/mesmerizing island studded views of prime Frazer Bay! Private gradual lot w/swimming shoreline, close to town, golf, dining. Lakefront livingroom w/firepl open to spacious deck. Kitchen w/island open to living, dining & vistas. Lakeside master BR w/door to deck. 2 stall garage. Immaculate boathouse. Sauna at waters edge. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$398,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 1,136 SF
 0.6 ACRES 100 FT SHORELINE
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Echo Trail Getaway

ELY, MN Secluded Echo Trail cabin with modern comforts - nestled deep in the forest, just 5 miles to Ely, easy access to area lakes, trails & BW. Yr-round retreat w/separate sauna & storage bldgs. Open layout of main floor features spacious LR opening to large 3 season porch. Upstairs, beautiful loft BR. Home features gas & elec lights. Generator in its own bldg, drilled well. Addl acreage available.

OFFERED AT \$229,500
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 1,052 SF
 40 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135408



Kawishiwi Trail Summers

ELY, MN Classic Boundary Waters lake retreat at waters edge, level shoreline, exquisite sunset views, old fashioned enclosed front porch, modern kitchen & bath! Farm Lake, less than 1 mile from your dock to the BW. Motorboat access to 3 lakes (Farm, Garden, White Iron). Only 8 miles to Ely on paved road. Stone cabin w/massive fireplace, garage, newer roof, electric, and drilled well.

OFFERED AT \$169,000
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 576 SF
 0.5 ACRES 100 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136911

Wilderness Retreat

ELY, MN Secluded Echo Trail wilderness log cabin retreat back in the woods - 35 acres adjoining 1,000's of acres of St. & Fed. land at edge of the BWCA, 7 mi to Ely. One room log cabin offers wood stove for heat, propane cookstove, living and dining areas, loft bedroom, covered front porch. Wood fired sauna guest cabin has changing room, covered front porch and sauna benches convert to bunk beds.

OFFERED AT \$149,500
DETAILS 1 BED/PRIVY 384 SF
35 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135624



Giants Ridge Lakeside Condo

BIWABIK, MN Prime location at Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. Immaculate 2 BR villa set in towering pines on lake at bottom of ski hill, between championship golf courses, steps away from pool & tennis, near biking & snowmobile trails, walk to lodge, dining, spa! Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, whirlpool tub, lakefront deck. Sand beach. Sold furnished. Optional rental pool.

OFFERED AT \$99,500
DETAILS 2 BED/2 BATH 1,088 SF
SHARED WYNNE LAKE SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136352



40 Acres of Peace on the Lake

TOWER, MN Furnished yr-round retreat deep in the woods - State land on 3 sides & 600 ft shoreline on quiet Tee Lake. Beautiful S.-facing views! Just 10 mi to town. 2 BR cabin w/sun porch, 2 bedrooms each with four bunks, kitchen, propane wall heater. Metal roof, generator in generator building, drilled well. Firepit. Close to Lake Vermilion State Park, Eagles Nest Lakes, Bear Head State Park.

OFFERED AT \$98,500
DETAILS 2 BED/PRIVY 624 SF
40 ACRES 1,231 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136190



Huge Vermilion Views

TOWER, MN Secluded yr-round log cabin retreat w/ beautiful Lake Vermilion views, located off paved Hwy 77 on a private hilltop in the pines, close to town, golf, dining, snowmobile trails and only minutes to choice of marinas & public landings. Vaulted one room log cabin offers wood stove, kitchen, main level bed, sleeping loft, indoor toilet. Electricity, driveway, drilled well.

OFFERED AT \$94,000
DETAILS 1 BED/1 BATH 474 SF
3.53 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135517





Immaculate Hunting Getaway

COOK, MN Like new knotty pine cabin w/loft on 64 wooded acres just 6 mi from Lake Vermilion & 8 mi to town, beautiful country views & abundant wildlife! Living room features cathedral ceiling, gas fireplace stove & glass door to huge deck. Kitchen open to dining and living room. Main flr BD & BTH. Log ladder to spacious loft. Gravel pit & small pasture. Compliant septic. Well.

OFFERED AT \$139,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 684 SF
 63.77 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136870



Nata Bay Peace and Privacy

TOWER, MN Like New! Private one owner Lake Vermilion home & guest cabin. South-facing shoreline, gradual lot, towering pines, sparkling blue bay. Borders State land. Half log sided home with walkout lower level, upscale kitchen, and massive stone fireplace. 2 bedroom guest cabin, oversized boathouse, wood fired hot tub, and dock.

OFFERED AT \$495,000
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 2,843 SF
 2.57 ACRES 200 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136393



Endless Views of Vermilion

TOWER, MN Walls of glass showcase miles of picturesque coastline. Custom year-round home, built to emphasize the stunning view. Private setting on acres of towering pines, rock outcroppings & S.-facing shore. Kitchen w/island open to great rm w/wood stove & doors to wrap around deck. Lakeside main flr master. Walkout LL w/BR & family room. Dock.

OFFERED AT \$479,000
DETAILS 4 BED/2 BATH 2,235 SF
 3.3 ACRES 265 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135679



Fall Lake Old World Retreat

ELY, MN Secluded log cabin retreat with panoramic water views, set in pines. South-facing sandy swimming shoreline at the edge of the BWCA on Fall Lake. 5 minute boat ride into the BWCA. Authentic log cabin built from trees on the property in 1996. Roll in dock w/electric winch. Lakeside deck off vaulted main room, working antique wood stove, permanent electricity, and work shed.

OFFERED AT \$349,500
DETAILS 2 BED/PRIVY 800 SF
 15 ACRES 527 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135818

BWCA is East Property Line!

ELY, MN Year-round Voyaguer Log Cabin on Farm Lake - just a 1 minute paddle from your dock to the BWCA (Kawishiwi River)! 6 miles to Ely. Cabin offers wrap around lakeside deck w/panoramic water views, front and back decks. Vaulted main room, gas range and refrigerator, gas lights. Spacious lakeview loft easily accommodates two dbl beds. Sauna, woodshed, boathouse.

OFFERED AT \$273,900
DETAILS 1 BED/PRIVY 852 SF
2 ACRES 230 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135592



Pine Island Sunrises

TOWER, MN Like new secluded island retreat w/island studded views set in pine forest & rock outcroppings on Lake Vermilion, short boat ride to Glenwood Lodge/launch. Set on E.-facing shoreline w/opp. shoreline Fed. forest, just 2 mi to BWCA. Vaulted tongue and groove great room w/wall of windows lakeside open to deck. Large modern kitchen open to livingroom & water view.

OFFERED AT \$239,000
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 823 SF
2.6 ACRES 263 FT SHORELINE
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Burntside Private Beauty

ELY, MN Two private islands w/grandfathered cabin on premier Burntside Lake, secluded retreat in Natl Forest, surrounded by 360° blue water vistas & no other homes in sight. This is an area of breathtaking scenery. Sunbeam, the northern 0.8 acre island, has cabin w/wood burning stove & bldg for sauna. The adjacent 4.5 acre island is buildable following Planning & Zoning guidelines.

OFFERED AT \$748,500
DETAILS 1 BED/PRIVY 240 SF
 5.3 ACRES 2,850 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136567



Little Timber Island

TOWER, MN Log cabin retreat on whole private island, Lake Vermilion. Restored historic log cabin in towering pines plus yr-rnd guest cabin at waters edge, both furnished. Short boat ride to mainland. Bathhouse w/composting toilet, shower and sink. Main cabin offers old time log great rm w/vaulted ceiling, wd burning FP, modern kit. Hot tub, Happy Hour point w/9 mile sunset view, swimming cove.

OFFERED AT \$673,500
DETAILS 3 BED/1 BATH 900 SF
 5.75 ACRES 2,195 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#132728



Salo Island

TOWER, MN Idyllic Lake Vermilion private island —log home w/sand beach, towering pines & spectacular sunsets. Voyager Log Cabin + Sauna/Guest Cabin. Vaulted great rm w/fireplace front gas stove, 2 story tall windows lake-side, only steps from the water. Gourmet kitchen open to great rm & water view. Spacious loft. Sauna/Guest Cabin w/deck at waters edge, just two steps to beach. Two docks.

OFFERED AT \$482,500
DETAILS 2 BED/1 BATH 913 SF
 0.75 ACRES 750 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136189



Moosebirds

COOK, MN Iconic Lake Vermilion business! Well maintained property includes lakeshore, docks, general store, ice cream, gift shop, lake house rental, campground, boat rentals & biggest selection of bait on the west end of the lake. General Store offers T-shirts, sweatshirts, northwoods gifts and a large grocery department. The friendliest place on the lake!

OFFERED AT \$895,000
DETAILS STORE - BAIT - RV PARK - BOAT RENTAL - CABIN
 4.39 ACRES 160 FT SHORELINE
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Burntside

ELY, MN Breathtaking 62 acre legacy property. Large old growth forest with 1,402 ft of shoreline at the end of the road on

Burntside Lake adjoining the BWCA. Choice of building sites, good road access & electricity. Giant pines, trails, rock outcroppings peninsulas & protected coves.

OFFERED AT \$969,000
DETAILS 62.8 ACRES 1,402 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135822



Vermilion

TOWER, MN Lake Vermilion - level building lot at end of road with excellent swimming shoreline, towering pines, one of best views on

the lake! Just 5 mi to town, championship golf, dining. Cabin or lake home could be positioned just 75 ft from water—driveway & electricity in, surveyed, septic sites identified.

OFFERED AT \$215,000
DETAILS 2.8 ACRES 305 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135853



Vermilion

COOK, MN Rare South-facing road accessible parcels adjoining 1,000's of acres of State land - unrestricted South/South-

west sunset views all the way across Niles Bay. Park like forest of giant whispering pines. Surveyed, septic sites, electricity nearby. Adjacent lots available.

OFFERED AT \$214,500
DETAILS 4.6 ACRES 247 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136399



Giants Ridge

BIWABIK, MN Rare, large lots with city utilities, paved road. Prime location in quiet bay at Giants Ridge Golf & Ski Resort. Great building sites with high ground. Simple Covenants.

OFFERED AT \$129,500-\$179,500
DETAILS 5.2-8.5 ACRES 400-2,300 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136525



Superior

HOVLAND, MN The Lake Superior homesite of your dreams! Beautiful level building site w/gradual slope to water on Chicago Bay & stunning views of Lake Superior. Spectacular rock outcropping behind building site. Community septic system and electricity.

OFFERED AT \$245,000
DETAILS 1.24 ACRES 215 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135824



Armstrong Lake

ELY, MN Secluded peninsula with South facing swimming beach, located off paved Bear Head State Park Road.

Incredibly clear water & great fishing! Building site already prepped. Driveway, electricity, well, septic system & 2 stall garage with area for workshop.

OFFERED AT \$189,500
DETAILS 3.25 ACRES 860 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136198



Shagawa

ELY, MN SE facing 40 acres & 1,436 ft shoreline on prime Longstorff Bay, Private gradual parcel, beautiful island studded views.

Just 5 miles to Ely. Whether your dream is a great spot to kick back and relax or build a stunning new lake home/cabin, this is the place to make that dream happen.

OFFERED AT \$240,000
DETAILS 40.5 ACRES 1,436 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135695



Superior

SILVER BAY, MN Incredible Lake Superior views from this 52.5 acre parcel. Towering pines and high ground abutting State land to the

West. Develop this property or use it as great hunting land. Many building sites with great lake views. 11 miles from Silver Bay, 3 miles from Hwy 61 and minutes from Hwy 6.

OFFERED AT \$195,000
DETAILS 52.5 ACRES
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Vermilion

COOK, MN Drive to the Lake Vermilion homesite of your dreams. SW-facing natural shoreline. Great building site with high ground, beautiful trees, rock outcroppings & gradual elevation. Electricity nearby. Road access building lots of this quality are rare.

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DETAILS 3.9 ACRES 375 FT SHORELINE
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Echo Trail

ELY, MN Private boundary-waters-like 35 acres off the Echo Trail deep in the woods, adjoining 1,000's of acres of St. & Fed. land at edge of the BWCA, 7 mi to Ely. Prime features for your retreat: choice of building sites w/mostly high ground, towering pines, rock outcroppings, wildflowers, abundant wildlife.

OFFERED AT \$89,000
DETAILS 35 ACRES
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#135625



North Vermilion

TOWER, MN Lake Vermilion adjoining the BWCA - mesmerizing 200 degree 2 mile blue water views E., S. & W. Incredible setting for cabin w/panoramic island studded views. Electricity on site. One of a kind property awaiting the nest of your dreams!

OFFERED AT \$175,000
DETAILS 5 ACRES 825 FT SHORELINE
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Fall Lake

ELY, MN The eagles have already moved in to their own nest on this private homesite w/a dock area on Mist Bay & Fall Creek running thru the parcel. Short boat ride to the BW & only 7 miles to Ely on a year round road. Close to town, golf, dining. Driveway and electricity are in to building site, well.

OFFERED AT \$84,500
DETAILS 7.73 ACRES
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Armstrong Lake

ELY, MN S.-facing excellent swimming shoreline in beautiful Eagles Nest area, easy access off paved rd, just 8 mi to Ely. Gorgeous sunrise

& sunset views & sun all day long! Unrestricted vistas w/gentle cart path to water & level point perfect for campfire. Driveway, electricity, telephone & good internet at road.

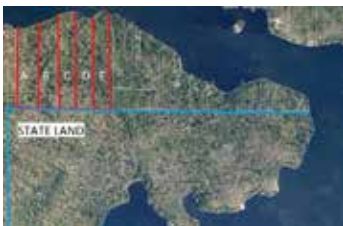
OFFERED AT \$174,500
DETAILS 2.5 ACRES 400 FT SHORELINE
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Eagles Nest Area

ELY, MN Beautiful 10 acre building site set off paved road in Eagles Nest Chain Of Lakes. 12 miles to Ely or Tower & minutes from choice of public landings and marinas, including Lake Vermilion. Enjoy lake living without lake taxes. Privacy, seclusion & wildlife, short distance to BWCA, close to golf & dining.

OFFERED AT \$39,500
DETAILS 10 ACRES
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Vermilion

COOK, MN Beautiful island cabin sites with stunning views set in majestic pines. Prime central location on Lake

Vermilion. Five exceptional building sites have been surveyed, septic sites approved, and electricity is available. Gentle elevations & sunny exposure.

OFFERED AT \$59,500-\$99,500
DETAILS 4.5-7.9 ACRES 197-278 FT SHORELINE
ON THE WEB JANISCHREALTY.COM MLS#136401



Tower

TOWER, MN Great hunting land just South of Tower! A beautiful piece of land to call your own, build or use as your wilderness getaway location. Only minutes to town, Fortune Bay, or Giants Ridge. The City will provide easement across other City land to this parcel. Adjacent parcels also available for sale.

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DETAILS 40 ACRES
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Silver Rapids Lodge

ELY, MINNESOTA Silver Rapids Lodge is For Sale. This business is a well maintained full service Boundary Waters Area resort. Financeable books and excellent development opportunities with an assumable SBA Loan! A one of a kind property at the confluence of White Iron and Farm Lake includes 59.7 acres with 3,040 feet of lakeshore that is split between White Iron & Farm Lake. They are multiple use lakes & also a direct entry to the BWCA. The property features individual small cabins, large group cabins, hotel units, camping and RV sites, a large dining area with a full commercial kitchen, a full bar, banquet areas, retail space, a marina, boat gas sales, rental boats, a 40 person sauna, laundry facilities, recreation space.

Ample room for expansion. Just 3.5 miles to town, the resort is convenient to Ely area amenities such as the North American Bear Center, the International Wolf Center, shopping, and fine dining. Don't miss this turn key opportunity to own your own popular business in the Boundary Waters Area. This offering represents an opportunity to acquire a well maintained and full service profitable resort in a growing market.

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| OFFERED AT | \$3,125,000 |
| DETAILS | 12 CABINS & 42 CAMPSITES |
| | 59.7 ACRES 3,040 FT SHORELINE |
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